



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: Tobi Gummer, Specialist
Office of School Transportation & Emergency Planning

DATE: February 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Severe Weather Awareness Week

To focus attention upon the rapidly approaching tornado and severe weather season, the National Weather Service in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana State Police, Indiana Homeland Security and various other agencies announces March 14-20, 2010 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Severe Weather Preparedness Week	Drill Exercise	Time
March 14 – 20, 2010	Wednesday, March 17, 2010	Between: 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. & 7:30 – 7:45 p.m. E.D.T.

The statewide tornado drill will be on Wednesday, March 17, 2010. The exact exercise time is not released to allow for effective testing of response times. An evening practice drill has also been scheduled from 7:30 – 7:45 p.m. to allow schools to practice this important drill during extracurricular events. This is also a good time for families to practice their drill at home. The message will be distributed through normal channels, including the Emergency Alert System, the National Warning System Hotline, the Indiana NOAA Weather Wire Service and the NOAA Weather Radio.

For additional information on Severe Weather Awareness Week click on the link to the national Weather Service Newsletter listed below.



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Also, it is no longer necessary for schools to report their emergency drill dates to the department.

For further assistance, please contact me at 317/232-0890 or e-mail tgummer@doe.in.gov.